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Ms. Dale Hoffman-Floerke  
Deputy Director, Integrated Water  
Management  
California Department of Water Resources  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Fry and Ms. Hoffman-Floerke:

**Re: Independent Review Panel's Report for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis Phase 2 Partial Review**

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed independent scientific review report entitled "Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis Review Phase 2 Partial Review." The transmittal of this report fulfills the request from the BDCP participants to provide independent external scientific review of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis and many of the associated technical appendices.

The goal of the Phase 2 review was to provide the BDCP participants with an assessment of the scientific quality of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis to inform the further development of the Effects Analysis. Phase 1 of the review was completed in November 2011 and included an early assessment of the scientific quality of the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and the Entrainment Appendix as an example of the application of the conceptual understanding, methods and analyses discussed in the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework.

The independent review panel consisted of Dr. Alex Parker (Chair), Prof. Charles "Si" Simenstad (Report Editor), Dr. T. Luke George, Dr. Nancy Monsen, Dr. Tom Parker, Dr. Greg Ruggerone, and Dr. John Skalski. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation in the fields of aquatic ecology/food webs, pelagic/native fish, terrestrial ecology, Delta hydrodynamics, plant communities, anadromous fish, and fishery population dynamics and modeling. The panel met publicly on April 30 – May 1, 2012.

Detailed information on the BDCP Effects Analysis Review can be found on the Delta Science Program web page (<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events/science-program-review/independent-review-draft-bay-delta-conservation-plan-effects-analysis->). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist in the process for evaluating components of the BDCP Effects Analysis through this open and transparent peer-review.

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– State Water Code §85054

If there are questions about the BDCP Effects Analysis Review, independent review panel report, or the overall process, please contact Lindsay Correa, Environmental Scientist (916) 445-0092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "P. Goodwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "P" and a clear "Goodwin".

Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.  
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Enclosure